



The Beat Coffeehouse in the entertainment district, Fremont East

Entertainment District Picks Up The Beat

Located adjacent to the popular Fremont Street Experience, **Fremont East** is an entertainment district offering an eclectic mixture of bars, clubs and cafes in downtown Las Vegas. Newly opened is **The Beat Coffeehouse**, housed along with artists' boutiques and the **Burlesque Hall of Fame** at a new operation called the **Emergency Arts Center**, located at 520 Fremont St.

A number of additional nightclubs are slated to join the lineup this year or in early 2011: **Maharaja Hookah Cafe** at 506 Fremont St., **VanGuard Lounge** at 516 Fremont St., **Azul Tequila** at 115 N. Seventh St. and **601 Fremont St.** at the southeast corner of Fremont and Sixth streets.

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Join us for brief updates and the latest news about what's happening with business and redevelopment in the Las Vegas area via our new **City of Las Vegas Business Development** Facebook Page at the following web address: www.facebook.com/lvbusiness

While our page will primarily focus on projects related to the **Redevelopment Agency** and **Office of Business Development**, it may also include details on other city-related business activities and departments.

We look forward to seeing you online!

Zoning Development Process Shortened For Businesses

This summer, the **Las Vegas City Council** adopted an ordinance that simplifies zoning code applications and procedures on already approved projects and smaller new developments.

Special use permits, variances and site development reviews not requiring legislative action will be granted by the city's Planning Commission and not require an additional review by the City Council. This will shorten the review process by up to six weeks.

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All of these applications will have the same two-year expiration period, or will allow the Planning Commission or City Council to set another timeframe.

Complete details on this newly adopted ordinance can be found on the city's website by accessing the Meetings and Agendas web page at <http://lasvegasnevada.gov/Find/Jun2010.asp> and selecting the June 2 City Council meeting.

Free Business Seminars

Whether you've been operating your own business for a few months or many years, there are always new tricks of the trade to be learned. The **Office of Business Development**, in conjunction with the **Adam Hodson CPA** firm, is sponsoring a newly developed series of free seminars that will provide entrepreneurs with valuable business information. All presentations will be held at the Historic Fifth Street School in downtown Las Vegas, which is located at 401 S. Fourth St.

The seminar series will run through November. Topics will include finance, information technology, advertising, marketing and payroll solutions.

Space at these presentations is available on a first come, first served basis. While the cost to attend is complimentary, advance registration is required. For reservations, visit www.lvseminars.com. Note: Separate registrations for each class are required.

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Business Development Center Launches In West Las Vegas

The **Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency** and the **Urban Chamber of Commerce** are working together to create a business development center that will aid with the growth of area small businesses. The facility will officially be named the **Urban Chamber of Commerce Business Development Center** sponsored by the city of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency.

Development centers have been implemented in communities throughout the United States, providing below-market-rate office space and support services for new or recently formed small businesses. The goal is to help small businesses grow and become fully functioning independent enterprises.

The 17,171-square-foot business development center is located at 1951 Stella Lake St. in Enterprise Park in West Las Vegas across from the FBI Regional Headquarters building.

The facility offers 10 flexible spaces of 1,200-square-feet each that can be used for office or light industrial purposes. An additional 5,171 square feet of office space is also available. Three businesses are currently housed in the development center: Stargate Plumbing, J&M Financial and ProServe Mortgage. The Urban Chamber's administrative offices will also be located within the development center.

Business owners interested in participating in the development center's program should contact the Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency at 702.229.6100 or the Urban Chamber of Commerce at 702.648.6222.



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Children's Museum To Join Performing Arts Center at Symphony Park

A contribution of \$56 million from the **Donald W. Reynolds Foundation** will enable the **Lied Discovery Children's Museum** to join **The Smith Center for the Performing Arts** in offering cultural amenities at Symphony Park. The gift was made to the **Las Vegas Performing Arts Center Foundation**. Almost half of the money will allow The Smith Center to construct a 58,000-square-foot building that will house the children's museum. Another \$18 million will be dedicated to completing the building's interior and outfitting its exhibit halls with interactive exhibits.

The project and its plans must first be approved by the **Las Vegas City Council** before construction can begin. Current plans call for the museum to open in fall 2012, shortly after The Smith Center's grand opening earlier that spring.

The Smith Center is under construction in downtown Las Vegas in **Symphony Park**, an urban neighborhood being master planned by the **Redevelopment Agency**. The Lied Discovery Children's Museum is presently located at 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North.



Rendering of the planned Discovery Children's Museum

Downtown Oasis

Owner-developer **Siegel Group Nevada, Inc.** completed a \$3.5 million renovation of the former Travel Inn located at 217 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Now called the **Oasis**, the completely renovated facility offers 53 fully refurbished hotel rooms, as well as a brand new pool and cabana area (pictured at left).

